



STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION &  
THE SOUTHERN REGION OF THE US FOREST SERVICE

# Integrated Fire and Recreation Internship Program



## 16 WEEK PAID INTERNSHIPS

The **Student Conservation Association (SCA)** is partnering with the Southern Region of the US Forest Service to administer the Integrated Fire and Recreation (IFR) Internship. This program is designed to provide college graduates from under-represented and diverse backgrounds with opportunities to gain the skills necessary to launch a career in fire, recreation or natural resource management.

### PROGRAM DETAILS:

- **Program Dates:** January 11 - May 2, 2021
- Internship starts with two weeks training consisting of
  - basic firefighter training
  - work capacity test (completing a 3 mile hike in 45 minutes while carrying a 45 lb. pack)
  - basic trail management and maintenance
- After training, member will spend 14 weeks on Forest Service districts in the southeastern U.S. receiving on-the-job training in fire, recreation, and natural resource management

### DEADLINE

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications accepted on a rolling basis, but those submitted by October 9th, 2020 will be given priority.

### HOW TO APPLY:

1. Complete an Internship/Corps Application online at [thesca.org](https://thesca.org)
2. Add the promo code **PO-00730498** to your application.
3. Contact Chris Burley at [CBurley@thesca.org](mailto:CBurley@thesca.org) or 510.832.1966 x5302 with any questions.

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### SERVICE LOCATIONS

- National Forests in Alabama
- Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest
- Cherokee National Forest
- Daniel Boone National Forest
- National Forests in Florida
- George Washington & Jefferson National Forest
- Kisatchie National Forest
- National Forests in North Carolina
- Ouachita National Forest
- National Forests & Grasslands in Texas

### BENEFITS

- \$500/wk living allowance
- Housing and travel allowance
- Hands on experience
- Participate in a 14-day fire assignment
- Training and skill-building needed to effectively compete for permanent positions throughout the United States Forest Service (USFS)
- Upon completion, interns will earn the Public Land Corps Hiring Authority making them eligible to apply to merit vacancy announcements for two years

### ELIGIBILITY

US Citizen; 18-30 years of age; Available from early to mid January to May 2021; Completion of an associate's degree & minimum of 2.0 GPA; Background in natural resource management or biological sciences preferred; Completion of the Work Capacity (Pack) Test during the training period. Wildland firefighting demands a high level of fitness to work in difficult environmental conditions, including steep terrain, extreme temperatures, altitude, and smoke; Must be able to pass a criminal background check; Participants must provide their own transportation to and from duty stations.